

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2008
6:30 PM

Rebecca Mann
Lee Collins
Tracey Sampson,
Bill Kiessling, Mayor
Ernest Shepard
Rich Taylor
Jason Allison, Town Attorney
Cristal Jordan, Town Administrator
Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

List of attendees in minute book

Mayor Kiessling brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

I **APPROVAL OF:** Town meeting minutes from January 14, 2008, February 11, 2008 and Special/Closed Session minutes from January 24, 2008.

Buddy Shepard made a motion to accept the minutes. Rich Taylor 2nd.

Vote: Aye – 4
 Nay – 0
 Abstaine – 1 Tracey Sampson because of missing 2 of the meetings

II **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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| A. | POLICE DEPARTMENT
Report attached | TRACEY SAMPSON |
| B. | PLANNING & ZONING
Report attached | RICH TAYLOR |
| C. | HISTORIC COMMISSION
Report attached | HARRIETT DAVIS |
| D. | PUBLIC WORKS
Working on the potholes in the alleys, most are filled in. Should be completed next week. | BUDDY SHEPARD |
| E. | ETHICS/CHARTER
No work completed on the Charter this month. | REBECCA MANN |
| F. | ARCHIVES/HISTORY
No report for Archives/History
Final Report on Noise Committee | LEE COLLINS |
| G. | PARKS & RECREATION
Report attached | BARBARA WILKERS |

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| H. | LEGAL COUNSEL | JASON ALLISON |
| | Working on Noise Ordinance, Charter Amendment Resolution to add Town Administrator to the Charter, Special Events ordinance and continued communication with Army Corp. Planning & Zoning to allow for a second alternate. | |
| I. | TOWN REPORT | BILL KIESSLING |
| | Report attached | CRISTAL JORDAN |
| | | JERRY WHEELER, MES |
| | | VALERIE WALLS |

III PUBLIC COMMENT (Not verbatim)

Lee Collins presents the Proposed Water & Wastewater Rate Increase

Andy Vaughn – Is water usage for boats included as water used on docks?

Lon Harrison – We already have the highest water rates. Is the income paying for the town? There should be ways to recoup this. Look at other grants instead of the backs of the residents.

Dean G – the other way to attack this is from the expenses. What makes up the expense side? Is there anything that can be dealt with?

Rebecca Mann – Lee’s done a lot of work on this and we’ve work hard on this. Unfortunately, there’s no other option.

Rich Taylor – Thanking Lee for all this hard work. Because of construction projects being delayed, there just isn't any other avenue.

IV ACTION ITEMS

1. Water/Sewer Rate Increase

Resolution 3102008 – Establishing water & sewer rates for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Lee Collins made the motion to approve the resolution 3102008. Rebecca Mann 2nd.

Aye – All in favor

Nay – 0

Motion passes.

Public Comment Re-Opened

Suzanne Lee – What is happening with streets – the states responsibility on the North side.

Rob Bernstein – Check value in the back flow for Schaefers and URS is reviewing?

Vote

IV ACTION ITEMS reopened

2. Tracy Sampson made a motion to give permission to the Merchant's Association to have St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15, 2008 in South Chesapeake City. Lee Collins 2nd.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

3. Buddy Shepard made a motion to give Bohemia Manor Middle permission to have the 8th grade service Learning Project again on May 2, 2008.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

4. Rich Taylor made a motion to approve the retainer and fee agreement from Cowdrey, Thompson & Karsten with regard to their continuation as our annexation attorney. Rebecca Mann 2nd.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

5. Rebecca Mann made a motion for the Town to inform the Greenway committee we do not have the funds to participate in their project and that we will not be making any improvements or changes to our streets or getting any sewer hook-ups to them either. Lee Collins added to the motion, to abandon all connections with the Greenway Project that would any way add an additional financial burden to the taxpayers of Chesapeake City. Tracey Sampson 2nd.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

6. Lee Collins made a motion to table Ethics Ordinance 22508.1 until July 2008 as a courtesy for our next mayor and council. Rebecca Mann 2nd.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

7. Tracey Sampson made a motion to approve Planning and Zoning demolition ordinance 22508.01. Rich Taylor 2nd.

Vote **Aye – All in favor**
 Nay – 0
 Motion passes.

8. It was agreed to move the Clerk Charter Amendments to April Agenda.

- Vote** **Aye – All in favor**
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

- Rich Taylor made a motion to table the invoice from AC Shultes for \$6,966.00 until verified by MES.
Rebecca Mann 2nd.

- Vote** **Aye – All in favor**
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

- Lee Collins made a motion to pay the Eastern Tech bill for \$7,983.75. Tracey Sampson 2nd.

- Vote** **Aye – All in favor**
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

- Rebecca Mann made a motion to table the Eastern Technical bill for \$7,500 until verified by MES. Tracey Sampson 2nd.

- Vote** **Aye – All in favor**
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

11. Rebecca Mann made a motion to approve 3102008.2 for the ballot on June 2, 2008.
Lee Collins 2nd.

- Vote** **Aye – All in favor**
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

ADJOURN Tracey Sampson made the motion to adjourn. Buddy Shepard 2nd.

- Vote** **Aye – All in favor**
Nay – 0
Motion passes.

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____
Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer Bill Kiessling Mayor